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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PFOR, IR

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO SHAH

1. THE PRESIDENT WISHES THE FOLLOWING LETTER PASSED TO THE
SHAH:

"YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY:

SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION YOUR CURRENT
CONCERNS ABOUT A NUMBER OF ISSUES, PRIMARILY IN THE ECONOMIC
AND DEFENSE FIELDS BUT WITH OBVIOUS RELEVANCE TO BROADER
POLICY, THAT ARE OF GREAT INTEREST TO US AS WELL AS TO IRAN.
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM PERSONALLY AWARE OF YOUR VIEWS
AND COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHETIC OF YOUR EFFORTS
TO ACHIEVE, WITHIN IRAN'S RESOURCES, THE APPROPRIATE
BALANCE BETWEEN IRAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY
OBJECTIVES. WE EXPECT THAT THE ECONOMIC UPTURN WHICH IS
OCCURRING IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IS STARTING IN WESTERN
EUROPE, WILL ALSO BE BENEFICIAL TO IRAN.

"I HAVE LET IT BE KNOWN TO THE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF MY
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ADMINISTRATION WHO DEAL WITH THESE ISSUES THAT THEY SHOULD

KEEP CONSTANTLY IN MIND THE VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE WHICH I ATTACH TO THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT WE ENJOY WITH IRAN. THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS FIRMLY BASED ON COMMON INTERESTS, WHICH ARE NOT CHANGED BY THE RECURRING UPS AND DOWNS OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS WHICH MAY AFFECT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.

"YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCE THAT I WILL GIVE MY CONTINUED ATTENTION TO THESE MATTERS AND THAT WE WILL BE CONSTANTLY ALERT TO POSSIBILITIES OF IMPROVING THE SITUATION WHICH HAS GIVEN RISE TO YOUR CONCERNS. I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED THAT VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER WILL BE VISITING PERSONALLY WITH YOUR MAJESTY THIS SPRING, PROVIDING A TIMELY OCCASION FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HOW WE CAN BEST COOPERATE TO FURTHER OUR SHARED OBJECTIVES.

"WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, (SIGNED) GERALD R. FORD."

,HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY
MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI
SHAHANSHAH OF IRAN
TEHRAN."

2. THE ORIGINAL SIGNED LETTER IS BEING POUCHED FOR LATER DELIVERY TO THE SHAH. INGERSOLL

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